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STONY POINT TOWN SUPERVISOR STEVEN HURLEY
SENTENCED TO 24 MONTHS IN PRISON ON FEDERAL CORRUPTION CHARGES

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; PASQUALE D'AMURO, the Assistant Director In Charge of the FBI's New York Field Office, and MICHAEL E. BONGIORNO, the District Attorney of Rockland County, announced that Stony Point Town Supervisor STEVEN M. HURLEY today was sentenced to 24 months in prison in Manhattan federal court for extortion, embezzlement and fraud. United States District Judge BARBARA S. JONES also ordered HURLEY to make restitution in the amount of \$25,554.35. The sentence followed Hurley's guilty pleas in October to six federal felony charges.

The extortion charge for which HURLEY was sentenced alleged that between 1998 and 2002, HURLEY used the power of his office and fear of economic injury to extort more than \$14,000

from a contractor working in the Town of Stony Point. That charge was brought under a statute commonly referred to as the Hobbs Act.

HURLEY was also sentenced based on his guilty plea to a charge that he conducted a mail fraud scheme to deprive the citizens of Stony Point of HURLEY's honest services. That charge alleged that through payoffs to HURLEY, Abraham Goldberger, a real estate developer with development projects in the Town of Stony Point, procured a corrupt relationship with HURLEY that enabled Goldberger to, among other things, fraudulently obtain money from the Town. Part of the scheme, according to the Indictment, involved HURLEY assisting Goldberger in obtaining \$4,785 in Town funds for work that Goldberger never did.

In addition, HURLEY was sentenced for embezzling Town funds and committing wire fraud when he directed a contractor building a golf course for the Town to double-bill the Town for more than \$8,000 worth of construction work and, when paid twice, return the second payment, in cash, to HURLEY.

Finally, HURLEY's sentence was based on two mail fraud schemes to take money from his own campaign. The first involved taking more than \$1,500 from his campaign to pay for a family vacation in 1999, and the second involved diverting more than \$5,000 in campaign checks to personal bank accounts during 2001 and 2002. In connection with both schemes, the campaign's

financial disclosure forms filed with the Rockland County Board of Elections were falsified to conceal the money HURLEY had taken.

HURLEY was ordered to surrender on March 15, 2004, to begin serving his sentence.

Mr. KELLEY thanked the Rockland County District Attorney's Office for its assistance in this investigation, and praised the investigative efforts of the FBI in this case.

Assistant United States Attorneys STEPHEN J. RITCHIN and JONATHAN LEIKEN are in charge of the prosecution.

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